

**STILLWATER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2015**

**Notice:** These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes were approved and are filed with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)) in their entirety, with the complete current month ending, along with resolutions and other supporting documents.

**Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; and Gerald W. Dell, Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant; Joe Morse, Finance Specialist; Shirlee Keefer, Stillwater Republican Women; Coralee Hicks, Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News. Absent: Commissioner Davey is attending MACo meetings in Helena.

**Public Comments:** Public Comment on matters within the Commissioners jurisdiction pursuant to §2-3-103, MCA, public comments will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on the Agenda. **Shirlee Keefer:** thanked Commissioner Davey for information on how to obtain the Montana Government Profile for counties through the Local Government Center. She also stated she would like to know the status of Courthouse and the Norton House and was disappointed that an update wasn't on the agenda for today's meeting to keep residents informed.

**Minutes Approval:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of May 26 , 2015, June 1, 2015; and the Special Agenda of June 1, 2015 (Burn Permits) as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

**Report(s):** 1. Montana Department of Transportation - State Fuel Tax Allocations to Counties Stillwater County will be receiving \$94,766.05 for FY 2016. 2. Justice Court - Fees in the amount of \$13, 284.75 were collected for month ending May 31, 2015.

**Stillwater River Road: Rockslide updates** - 1. The Commissioners received a letter from Bill Kaiser stating the road closure of Stillwater River Road has caused a great burden on his business and a hazard for medical emergencies. He stated in his letter the closure has caused him 64 miles of extra travel each day compared to a 17 mile drive. The Commission will send Mr. Kaiser a copy of the reconnaissance conducted by SK Geotechnical which makes it clear that a hazardous situation exists. He will also be informed that the road will remained closed until further notice for safety concerns. 2. Commissioner Dell reported that Tim Newberg, Geostabilization International, is a specialized firm working with Great West Engineering to evaluate the rockslide. Dell said this is the same company that worked with the City of Billings last year when they experienced the slide of the rimrocks onto Zimmerman Trail Road. 3. Commissioner Dell stated on June 22, 2015, this office sent certified letters, drafted by the county attorney, to those nine residents in that area of the slide

informing them of the situation, along with other documents and the SK Geotechnical report.

**Dept. of Administration:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Local Government Services Standard Audit Contract for the audit services of Olness & Associates, P.C. those fiscal years of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

**EBMS:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Employee Health Insurance premium rate (5% increase) for the plan year beginning July 1, 2015; and Stop Loss limit increase from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Joe Morse, Finance and Human Resource said these changes have been recommended by the Stillwater County Health Insurance Committee. **Vote:** Motion passed.

**Columbus Airport Woltermann Memorial** 1. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Request for reimbursement No.7 in the amount of \$17,448 for Master Plan/ALP Update. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed. 2. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the FAA Grant Application in the amount of \$150,000 for Airfield Pavement Reconstruction Design/Project. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

**Sheriff's Office:** The Commission received a request from Charles "Chip" Kem, Undersheriff to donate one (1) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria to the Columbus Volunteer Fire District. In the letter, he stated it was one of the vehicles that was replaced in the 2014-2015 budget year. This vehicle will replace one that was donated to the fire department by the Columbus Police Department several years ago, he stated. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to table the decision on this request until consulting with the County Attorney. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

**Board Appointments:** Library: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to appoint Barbra Kaiser to serve a 5-year term on the Library Board. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

Cemetery Districts: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to make the following appointments: 1. Park City Cemetery Board - Bonnie Sitzman - 3-year term; 2. Rapelje Cemetery Board - Todd Marsh - 3-year term; 3. Rosebud Cemetery Board - Richard Ostrum - 3 year term. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

**Add On Item:** Commissioner Dell stated before the meeting is adjourned, he would like to address an article that was in the last edition of the Stillwater County News regarding the resurvey of Rosebud Cemetery Road Bridge. He said it was stated in the paper that it was a CTEP Project when in fact it was a TSEP Project.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:28 AM**